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Hongkong, July 30, 1907. 1235

NOTICE

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Hongkong, July 30, 1907. 1239

NOTICE

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EXPLANATION.

HONGKONG, 29th July, 1907.

Dear Sir,

BEING the Promoter of the BIOCYCLE RACE run at HAPPY VALLEY, on the 20th inst., it is only fair to MacCrae and the Public to give a correct report. The Race was splendidly run from start to finish, MacCrae and Forbes in the straight for home sprinted, MacCrae gaining at each turn of the wheel to within 10 yards of the Winning Post, when, unfortunately he had a fall; at this time there was quite 25 yards between them, however before MacCrae could remount, Forbes passed, and so won the Prize 'A HANDSOME GOLD WATCH'. There was no possibility of Forbes nearly having spilled (as reported) on account of MacCrae's riding poorly, those who witnessed the race could confirm this.

A. H. TAVARES.

Hongkong, July 20, 1907. 1232

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 4, 5 & 6, BATHURST STREET, on MONDAY, 19th August, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1907. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 18th August, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors, T. I. ROSE, Secretary.

Hongkong, July 29, 1907. 1233

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE

IN accordance with the Provisions of No. 104 of the Articles of Association the General Managers have this day declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND for the half year ended 30th June, 1907, of FOUR DOLLARS per Share. DIVIDEND WARRANTS may be obtained on application at the Office of the Company on and after FRIDAY, the 2nd August. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th instant to 1st August, both days inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.

Hongkong, July 25, 1907. 1212

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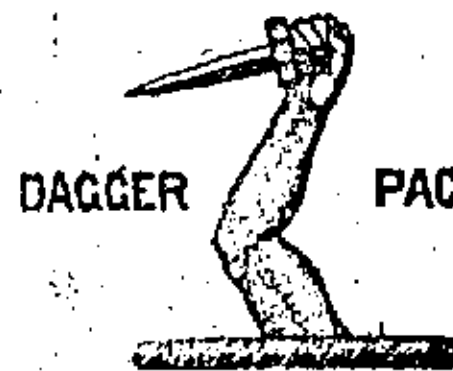
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BIRTH.
On the 30th July, 1907, at the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital, the wife of S.
WENDERS, of the Standard Oil Co., of a
Daughter.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, at No. 14, Knutsford Terrace,
Rowland.

Amusement.
9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

Miscellaneous.
Goods per *Arandia* not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.
MONDAY, August 5:—
Transfer Books of Hongkong & Wham-
poa Dock Co., Ltd., close from this
date to 18th Aug., inclusive.
Goods per *Prinz-Regent* *Lutpold* unde-
livered after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, August 7:—
3 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Steam
Waterboat Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Dodwell
& Co.'s Office.

THURSDAY, August 15:—
11 a.m.—Auction of One Marine Triple
Expansion Engine, &c., at No. 1, Re-
clamation Street, Yau-mai.

MONDAY, August 19:—
Noon—Meeting of Hongkong & Wham-
poa Dock Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 1907.

SUBSIDIARY COINAGE.

Confusion of thought seems to mark
most of the contributions made recently
to the discussion in regard to subsidiary
coinage. We hasten to say that we
claim no monopoly for clear thinking or
special knowledge. On the other hand
we believe that we can fairly say that we
have avoided being dogmatic and have
not brushed proposals aside by ejaculating
"Impossible," "Absurd," because
they do not happen to fit in with our
views. That is a popular form of
argument in some quarters. As an
illustration of the confusion of thought
which we say exists we have only to
refer to a lengthy communication from a
correspondent which appeared in the
columns of our junior morning con-
temporary to-day. The conclusions arrived
at by that correspondent were, in the
main, endorsed editorially. But the
chief assumption upon which the argu-
ment turned is absolutely erroneous.

It is claimed that the British subsidiary
coins are intrinsically more valuable
than those turned out by the provincial
mints. This belief was widely held until
recently but there is no excuse now for
anyone being ignorant of the fact that
in July last year analyses of the twenty
cent pieces issued from the Canton
mint gave an average of 800.2 fine.
The fineness of Hongkong coins, as laid
down by proclamation, is 800, practi-
cally identical with that of Chinese sub-
sidiary coins. Obviously then any
arguments based on the belief that the
Chinese have helped materially towards
a solution of the problem by melting
down British coins must be received
with great caution. Melting down un-
doubtedly took place in the past but it
would be ridiculous for the Government
to base any action upon the unsupported
surmise that \$20,000,000 worth of
these coins has gone into the melting
pot. We still believe that it is the
clear and insistent duty of the Governor
to appoint a Commission comprised of
the Colonial Treasurer and representa-
tives of the banking, shipping and mer-
cantile communities. Such a Commis-
sion should be given the fullest powers
to call for evidence and carry out a most
exhaustive investigation. It should also
be empowered to report on any scheme
brought before it in due form and not
restricted to propositions placed before it
by the Government. If such a Com-
mission be appointed—and we have
every confidence that Sir Frederick
Lugard already recognises that the
problem is one that calls for immediate
action—we are convinced that it
will show that the scheme which
we have consistently supported, namely
the prohibition of Chinese tokens
in this Colony, will be declared feasible.

It is declared that this will act in the
restraint of trade. On a larger scale
Great Britain is in a similar position
in Hongkong. Across her threshold lie
numerous great countries which have

varying currencies and with which
Great Britain has had an enormous
trade. Yet the tokens of these countries
may not circulate in Great Britain and,
judging by the Board of Trade returns,
she has still a little trade remaining.
As a matter of fact we know that in
large transactions goods are not paid for
in ten or twenty cent pieces—in Hong-
kong. Dealings between local merchants
and those resident in the Chinese
Empire are carried on through the
banks, and the actual passage of coin is
presumably small. Exchange will of
course be with us until the Chinese
Government adopts the gold standard,
but the Chinese subsidiary coins will
only remain with us because we suffer
them to. The policy we commended
some time back and which has been
supported by Mr. R. Sheehan can,
we feel sure, be carried to success.

Briefly it is to make the uttering of
Chinese subsidiary coin in the Colony—
after sufficient notice—an offence
punishable by confiscation, fine and im-
prisonment. Informers would receive
part of the fine. It is argued that it
would be impossible, in view of the
proximity of Canton, to keep the tokens
out. This is a mere assertion. We are
not prepared at this moment to go
thoroughly into details, that is not our
duty, but we throw out a few sugges-
tions for what they are worth. A cen-
tral money exchange office could be
established in Canton by arrangement
with the Bank at which Chinese sub-
sidiary coin could be exchanged at a
discount, fixed by the Government, for
Hongkong tokens. Or exchange offices
could be established at the receiving
wharves in Hongkong. Obviously by
fixing the rate of discount sufficiently
high the Government would not stand
to lose anything and on the other hand
the Chinese would prefer the loss on ex-
change to the practical certainty of
confiscation and other punishment. In
candour we must admit that there are
obstacles in the way of carrying out this
scheme but we decline to believe that
they are insuperable. At all events we
commend to the Government the theory
—to Lord Lansdowne's sentiment—
"Tis better far to strive, and fail, than
never to have tried at all."

It variety has its charm then the
Czar of all the Russias must be
thoroughly enjoying himself. On about
an average of once a fortnight all the
guards and domestics at the palace are
sent away and a fresh lot engaged.
There seems to be something in the
atmosphere of the palace which breeds
revolutionary ideas. A soldier who
goes to the palace imbued with pas-
sionate loyalty for the Little Father
after a few days seeks for an oppor-
tunity to blow his distinctive parent to
smithereens. Seriously though the
Czar, in spite of all that has been said
to the contrary, must be an extremely
strong minded individual. For years
he has been a condemned man. At no
moment of the day or night does he
know if he is safe. To endure this and
not to take the obviously safe and
discreet course of abdicating bespeaks
plenty of will power. Therefore we are
inclined to believe that the statements
that the Czar is weak and irresolute
are inaccurate. He has been in the
firing line for seventeen years and
apparently he means to stay there until
he is picked off. Surely that shows
that he has not only courage, but a
very highly developed sense of duty.

The "Japan Gazette" of Yokohama
commenting editorially upon the
Korea incident says:—"Whatever
the provocation on Korea's part—and
it has been great—it is the privilege
of the strong to be merciful, and there
is indubitably a pathetic side to this
interesting drama in Seoul. The late
Emperor followed the bent of his
house and his people. Intrigue and
outrage are their only weapons of
offence and defence. It must be said
that he used them consistently to the
last. He saw in his dynasty and in
his personal dignity the embodiment
of his country and his people. In
fighting with his natural weapons for his
ego, his personal comfort, and absolu-
tism, he imagined he was fighting for
his people, for his ancestors and their
land. In a dim way he conceived
himself as their champion withstanding
the invasion and despoiling touch of
a hated alien. Under this construction

his fate will inspire pity, even among
those who see how narrow and mis-
taken was his view. But it is safe to
say that, whatever Japan's intentions
towards Korea may be, there will be no
descent to reprisals on individuals,
much less on the late unfortunate and
misguided Emperor. Her rights
having been vindicated before the
world Japan can afford to be
generous." This is an extremely
proper view to take and we can only
hope that the Japanese Government
takes as moderate a stand. Korea is
"passing" and it is within the power
of Japan to make that passing painful
or painless. If she chooses the former
alternative she will probably be laying
up difficulties for herself in the future.
If the latter she may succeed in
winning the affection of an ally, now
of little weight but perhaps in the
future to be a valuable friend or a
powerful foe.

It looks as though the second test
match will go the same way as the first
of the season and not be played to a
finish, for the time is limited to three
days only. On Monday the weather
was showery and the wicket wet—a
perfect bowler's day, and small scores
followed as a matter of course; yesterday
similar weather prevailed, with the
wicket difficult, and finally play was
stopped by rain, only 85 runs being
added to the total carried over from
Monday, while four wickets fell.
And of these 85 runs all except
one were scored by J. T. Tyldesley
(of Lancashire) and C. B. Fry (the
popular Sussex captain). When play
ceased on Monday England had scored 25
runs without losing a wicket. T. Hay-
ward being 13, not out. Apparently he
has not added to his score, and at the
fall of his wicket the crack Lancashire
man joined Fry and the pair made the
stand of the match. No-one would call
54 a colossal score, but coming at a time
when every run was needed, when the
game was in so much doubt that no
batsman could afford to take a risk, it is
worth more than many a century which
has gone down on the record list. The
Sussex skipper in not usually favoured
by fortune in test matches, particularly
with respect to the matches against
Australia, for up till the last series
of matches he had an aggregate of
only 192 for twelve test matches.
In 1905 he played in four tests
against Australia and aggregated 348
for seven innings, once not out, his
best scores being 144 and 73. We
are not surprised at Tyldesley doing
well. This is Tyldesley's season, and
we shall hear more of him before the
season ends. Of course, South Africa
has a chance of winning this match,
provided that the weather lets up.
With the "googly" bowlers and the
lightning speed artist (J. J. Kotze)
the remaining six wickets, though
the English team has no tail—
should be captured in time for the Co-
lonials to have a "knock." And if
they got the opportunity they have the
men to score the runs. It all depends
on the weather and that is much too
field to bet upon. England is 75
runs ahead with six wickets to fall.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

The shops selling lottery tickets in
Hangchow have been ordered to cease busi-
ness at the end of this moon.

The members of the Waiwatu recently
had two conferences about the Canton
Railway and Gold Coinage but no decision
was reached.

It is believed that India will participate
officially in the forthcoming British Exhi-
bition, to be held at Shepherd's Bush,
London.

A good deal of illness is prevalent in
Ponang, and much of it is attributed, says
the "Ponang Gazette," to the plentiful
supply of fruit.

A Madras newspaper announces that
the Madras Government has ordered no
less than 8,000 pairs of chrome leather
sandals for use in the salt department.

A telegram from Peking received in
Shanghai on July 25 stated that Viceroy
Yuan Shih-kai is seriously ill, but there
seems to be no imminent danger for his
life.

The captain of the British steamer
Wyo of Cardiff, formerly the *Strathmore*,
which arrived at Singapore from Colombo
on July 22 with a cargo of cement from
London for Dalry, reported that the
steamer's side valves are out of order.

COLIC AND DIARRHOEA.

PAINS in the stomach, colic and diar-
rhoea are quickly relieved by the use
of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diar-
rhoea Remedy. When in need of such a
medicine, give it a trial. For sale by all
chemists and druggists.

BY TELEGRAPH. BY TELEGRAPH.

A TENEMENT FIRE.

Fifteen Lives Lost.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter,
via Bombay.)

London, July 30.

A serious fire has occurred in a six
storied tenement house in New York.Eleven Italians lost their lives in
the conflagration.

MOROCCO.

Outbreak of Fighting.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter,
via Bombay.)

London, July 30.

A message from Tangier states that
fighting has taken place in the villages
on the Hkmaas border.The Sultan's forces were successful,
gaining a complete victory.There was much looting and burn-
ing of property.

JAPANESE CRUISERS IN FRANCE.

London, July 28.
Admiral Ijima and his fellow officers
have left Paris for Brest, after several
days' exchange of courtesies.

THE SOAP FIGHT.

London, July 28.

Messrs. Watson & Sons, soapmakers of
Leeds, announce that their libel actions
against the Associated Newspapers have
been settled.They receive the heaviest damages, and
a member of the firm informed the "Daily
Chronicle" that they exceed those of
Messrs. Lever & Bros. by £20,000.
The Associated papers also publish
apologies.

CONY ISLAND BURNED.

London, July 28.

One third of Coney Island, New York's
famous play ground, has been entirely
burned.The occupants of twenty hotels escaped
in their night clothes.
Twenty-seven firemen were injured.

BRITISH CONSOLS.

London, July 29.

Consols have fallen below 85, mainly
owing to recent gilt edged issues.

THE RUSSO-JAPANESE AGREEMENT.

London, July 29.

It is understood that the Russo-Japa-
nese Agreement comprises five sections,
of which one guarantees the status quo
in the Far East and assents to the new
situation in Korea.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

The "Bakan Mainichi Shinbun,"
published at Moji, has been prosecuted for
having printed an article insulting the
Meiji Police.

H. M. S. King Alfred, Kent, Bedford
Astrak and the destroyer flotilla are due
to leave Nigata to-day for Hakodate. The
latter place will be reached to-morrow and
the fleet will remain there for five days.

A Fukuoka telegram reports that a gas
explosion occurred in the colliery at
Yugatamura, Higashimura, at 5 o'clock
on the morning of July 29. Over 200 miners
were killed or injured. About 300 managed
to come out of the pit in safety about one
hour later.

A despatch from Okaya, Shinshu,
states that a five-storied godown for conons,
belonging to Ouchiguni, was burnt down
on July 19, and several persons were
injured, the damage being estimated at
over ¥ 20,000.

In consequence of the strong opposition
offered by the powerful Viceroy Yuan
Fang and Chiang Chih-tung against the
adoption of a gold standard for China at
the present moment, because the people
are so poor and gold is also so scarce in
the country, the proposal is now put off
again for an indefinite period in spite of
China's Treaty obligations.

The following appears in orders by
Major General R. G. Broadwood, C.B.,
Commanding the troops in South China—
Administrative Staff—His Excellency the
Governor will hold a Levee at Government
House to-morrow, 1st August, at 5 o'clock
p.m. Officers of Field Rank will attend
the Private Levee at 4.45 p.m. All
other Officers will attend at 5 p.m. Each
Officer will bring a card to be handed to
the A.D.C. in waiting. Dress—Review
Order—White.

CRICKET.

The Second Test.

Rain Stops Play.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)
London, July 30.The weather was again unfavourable
for the continuance of the test match
at Leeds yesterday.Rain fell at intervals and the wicket
was difficult.The English second innings was
continued but when the score stood at
four wickets for 110 runs play was
stopped for the day.C. B. Fry made 54 runs and J. T.
Tyldesley 30.

[REUTER'S SERVICES.]

London, July 29.

Rain spoiled the wicket at the second
Test Match.England in the first innings made 76,
and the South Africans 110.
In the second innings the score closes
at (England) 25, for no wickets.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A Hefei, Anhui, dispatch, states that
H.E. Chau-fu, lately Viceroy of the Two
Kuang provinces, on his return to Hefei,
his native city, was suddenly taken ill last
week. As the symptoms have become
much more serious, a telegram has been
sent to the ex-Viceroy's eldest son Chao
Hsiao-hsi, who is Salt Commissioner in
Chihli province, to resign his post and
return home at once.

We regret to have to report the death
of Sydney Rupert Hodge, M.H.C.S.,
L.R.C.P., of the Wesleyan Missionary
Society, Hanlow, which took place at
Kuling on Sunday morning about an hour
before daybreak, says the "N. C. Daily
News" of July 26. Dr. Hodge came to
China in 1887 and was for several years
in charge of the Wesleyan Hospital at Han-
kow. In addition to being a medical man,
he was also an ordained Minister of the
Wesleyan Church and an excellent preacher.
He was considered one of the most able
physicians and surgeons in Central China,
whilst his tender and gentle disposition
gained him many friends who will feel
keenly his loss. He only returned from
furlough last year, but whilst at home he
had an attack of influenza which left him
with a weak heart. The immediate cause
of his death was an attack of malignant
malaria, to which he succumbed after two
weeks' suffering. Up to within twenty-
four hours of his death there were hopes
that he would recover. He leaves a wife
and daughter to mourn his loss.

About 8,100 men more than in former
years will be enlisted in the Japanese
Army at the end of this year as a result of
the two years' military service system.

The Calcutta, at 547, Chinese infor-
mation to-day from the south. A couple
of hundred others arrived from various
ports—80 from Foochow and Swatow, 73
from Haiphong, 62 from Shanghai, etc.

We understand, says the "N. C. Daily
News," that the son of the compradore of
one of the foreign banks here has been
arrested by the Anking authorities on
suspicion of being connected with the late
Hsi Hsi-lin's revolutionary party. The
reason for the arrest is evident; an orange
is to be squeezed. Several officials in the
Peking Government, natives of Chikung,
have telegraphed the Governor of Anhui
declaring their willingness to guarantee
the innocence of the prisoner—with what
success remains to be seen.

The Lusitano Club gave a third per-
formance of "In the land of the Chrysan-
themum" for members and their friends
last night, the hall being packed. As before
the entertainment was highly successful.
Mr. Erasmus Julius Hyndman was the chief
gambler being the most conspicuous.
Mr. C. M. S. Alves gave a better interpreta-
tion of his role (Miss Thompson) which is
by no means an easy part. On Saturday
morning the amateurs will leave for Macao
returning on Monday, after giving a per-
formance.

The Cinematograph Pathe.
Amongst the advertisements on page
5 will be found the announcement that the
Cinematograph Pathe will show "The Life
and Passion of Christ" on Saturday night,
4th proximo. This film is so long it takes
nearly an hour and a half to be wound off.

The Bandmanns.
We wish to remind our readers that
the Bandmann Opera Company gives its
operatic performance of a short season to-
night. The list of plays selected from
their extensive repertoire to be staged
during the week they are here will be
found on page 5. Those who wish to see
any particular piece should not put off
booking their seats any longer.

RELIEVE YOUR MIND.

It is always a relief to be prepared for an
emergency. Call the "disturbances" and
dysentery are usually prevalent at this
season and a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic,
Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in your
home may save much suffering if not a life.
For sale by all chemists and store-
keepers.

